

October 7, 2008

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Charlie McClendon, Avondale, Chair

SUBJECT: **REVISED MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA**

Wednesday, October 8, 2008 - 12:00 noon  
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Management Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. The agenda and summaries are being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue regarding the agenda items between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

Please park in the garage under the building, bring your ticket, parking will be validated. For those using transit, Valley Metro/RPTA will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

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Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

c: MAG Regional Council

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
REVISED TENTATIVE AGENDA  
October 8, 2008**

**COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED**

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity is provided to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.

4. Executive Director's Report

The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.

5. Approval of Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (\*).

3. Information.

4. Information and discussion.

5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\***

**MINUTES**

\*5A. Approval of September 10, 2008, Meeting Minutes

5A. Review and approval of the September 10, 2008, meeting minutes.

**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

\*5B. Project Changes: Amendments and Administrative Modifications to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the FY 2009 Arterial Life Cycle Program

The FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 25, 2007 and the FY 2009 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) was approved by the MAG Regional Council on June 25, 2008. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. The proposed amendment includes three projects funded by the Federal Safe Routes to School Program in Avondale, Gilbert, and Phoenix and a Federal High Priority Project in Scottsdale. The requested project changes include funding and schedule changes to Arizona Department of Transportation projects on Loop 303. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from a conformity determination and the administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. The Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the project changes on September 25, 2008. Since the mailout of the Management Committee agenda, three Scottsdale ALCP projects, SCT04-009, SCT08-928 and SCT09-924, were identified to modify the regional costs for project work. These changes do not cause a negative fiscal impact to the ALCP. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5C. ADOT Red Letter Process

In June 1996, the MAG Regional Council approved the ADOT Red Letter process, which requires MAG member agencies to notify ADOT of potential development activities in freeway alignments. Development activities include actions on plans, zoning and permits. ADOT has forwarded a list of notifications from January 1, 2008 to June 30, 2008. Upon request any of the notices can be removed from the consent agenda and returned for action at a future meeting. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5B. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2008-2012 Transportation Improvement Program, the FY 2009 Arterial Life Cycle Program, and as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2007 Update, as shown in the attached table.

5C. Information and discussion.

**AIR QUALITY ITEMS****\*5D. Conformity Consultation**

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2008-2012 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The proposed amendment includes three projects funded by the Federal Safe Routes to School Program in Avondale, Gilbert, and Phoenix and a Federal High Priority Project in Scottsdale. The proposed administrative modification includes funding and schedule changes to Arizona Department of Transportation projects on Loop 303. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from a conformity determination and the administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessment are requested by October 17, 2008. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5D. Consultation.

**GENERAL ITEMS****\*5E. Vendor Selection for Digital Aerial Photography**

In May 2008, the MAG Regional Council approved the FY 2009 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, which included \$80,000 for digital aerial photography for use in planning activities by both MAG and its member agencies. As in past years, this photography has been made available at no charge to MAG member agencies. MAG issued an Invitation for Bids and received four bids. A multi jurisdictional evaluation team reviewed the bids, and recommended to MAG that the low bid of \$26,533.50 from Landiscor Aerial Information be selected. The sample imagery and bid package submitted by Landiscor Aerial Information demonstrated the highest quality imagery product for the price. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5E. Recommend approval that Landiscor Aerial Information be selected to provide digital aerial photography in an amount of \$26,533.50.

**ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD****TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**6. Transportation Planning Update

In 2002, the Regional Council formed the Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) with specific responsibilities to make recommendations to the Regional Council regarding the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The role of the TPC was subsequently placed into state law. The RTP was developed by the TPC and recommended to the Regional Council on September 17, 2003. The Regional Council approved the RTP and Certification of the Plan to the Legislature and Governor on November 25, 2003. In November 2004, the voters of Maricopa County approved Proposition 400 to implement the Plan. Five years have passed since the recommendation of the TPC to approve the Plan. MAG has several statutory responsibilities regarding the RTP, including making amendments to the RTP, providing fiscal oversight and setting priorities for the Regional Freeway Program. State law also requires that costs and revenues be in balance over the life of the tax. To ensure that the assumptions regarding costs and revenues are up to date, the Arizona Department of Transportation annually conducts expert panel discussions. These have recently been completed and a report will be provided by staff regarding the decline in revenues and increasing costs that are impacting the program.

7. 2008 Annual Report on the Status of the Implementation of Proposition 400

Arizona Revised Statute 28-6354 requires that MAG issue an annual report on the status of projects funded by the half-cent sales tax authorized by Proposition 400. The 2008 Annual Report is the fourth report in this series. Staff will brief the Committee on the findings of the 2008 report, including the status of the Life Cycle Programs for Freeways/Highways, Arterial Streets, and Transit. A Summary of Findings and Issues has

6. Information and discussion.

7. Information and discussion.

been enclosed and the full report is available on the MAG website. Please refer to the enclosed material.

### GENERAL ITEMS

8. Outdoor Light Pollution

Members of Arizona's astronomy community approached MAG about issues related to outdoor light pollution in Maricopa County. A presentation on Outdoor Light Pollution Standards was given to the MAG Planners Stakeholders Group in August. It was reported that outdoor light pollution creates a significant waste of electricity and money, and degrades the visibility of our night skies. Arizona is home to world-class observatories with an estimated \$250 million annual benefit to the state's economy. The local astronomy community would like the counties, municipalities and Tribal Nations to consider revisiting the adequacy and enforcement of their respective lighting ordinances in an effort to reduce light pollution associated with population growth. The goal is to provide quality lighting to improve visibility, save energy, and protect dark skies. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

8. Information and discussion.

9. Information.